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Docket No: Q94763

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For: FIBROUS FISH MEAT-BOUND HAVING GOOD FORM RETENTION PROPERTY
AND FIBROUS TEXTURE, DRIED PRODUCT THEREOF AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement

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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. However, since a Statement can be made, a Statement is submitted herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for the foreign language document listed, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application (Supplementary European Search Report dated November 18, 2008) citing such document (JP-A-61-260839) and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Also, an English language abstract, submitted herewith, constitutes a concise statement of relevance for JP-A-61-260839.

Also, it is noted that JP-A-7-67587, cited in the Supplementary European Search Report, was previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 1, 2008.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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